



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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Dear Foster Parents and Relatives:

I apologize for the delay in mailing the June 25th letter from Assistant Secretary Denise Revels Robinson inviting you to participate in meetings to discuss performance based contracting. Children's Administration plans to implement performance based contracting in accordance with Second Substitute House Bill 2106. I have heard that many of you did not receive the letter in time to participate.

We value your input and want to be sure you can attend if you would like to. Your voice is important to us and your experience as foster parents and relatives caring for children provides a valuable perspective in improving the system. So, we have scheduled three in-person meetings in August and a statewide Webinar call in September with the hope that you can participate. We know many of you have questions and ideas concerning this very important topic and we will listen closely to your thoughts and do all we can to answer your questions.

The meeting schedule is enclosed and you are welcome to attend any of the meetings. For those who cannot attend in person, we have included information on how to participate in the Webinar.

If you would like detailed information about performance based contracting, go to the 2106 website at: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/partners/transformCW.asp>.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to children who need caring adults in their lives.

Sincerely

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Enclosure

PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACTING MEETINGS WITH FOSTER PARENTS AND RELATIVES

Additional meetings have been scheduled to discuss plans to implement performance based contracting as required by SSHB 2106. Below are the dates, times, and locations.

DATE/TIME	REGION	LOCATION
August 20 th @ 6:00pm	3	Emmanuel Baptist Church 1515 E College Way Mount Vernon WA
August 23 rd @ 9:00am	5	Tacoma DSHS 1949 S State St Room 195 Tacoma WA
August 24 th @ 6:00pm	2	Yakima DSHS 1002 N 16 th , 2 nd Floor Yakima WA
September 15 th @ 12:00 noon	Statewide	WEBINAR To register, send an email to Dinah.martin@dshs.wa.gov or call 360 902-0740